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Jerry Ray Poses Queries To FBI

Jerry Ray yesterday presented questions to the Federal Bureau of Investigation in connection with a libel suit filed last month over a book about his brother, James Earl Ray, and the assassination of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr.

Jerry Ray listed 53 questions for the FBI, many concerning the agency's alleged surveillance of both Ray brothers and King, whose slaying James Earl Ray admitted.

The inquiries also deal with Jerry Ray's allegations that the FBI cooperated with George McMillan, author of "The Making of an Assassin," in providing information on the King case.

FBI officials have 30 days to respond.

A similar suit filed by James Earl Ray last year was dismissed by U.S. Dist. Judge Harry W. Wellford as frivilous. This suit has also been assigned to Wellford.

Eighteen questions were also filed yesterday for responses from Little Brown & Co., publisher of the McMillan book, which was also named as a defendant. Time, Inc., the parent firm, was a defendant in the earlier suit.